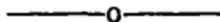


We have known him now long enough to think all is well if he gets two or three hours sleep in a night; many a night in Hong-kong he did not get one hour.

We saw Rev. Tan's picture in the *Record*; it is more natural than that of Rev. Giâm, but you can have little idea of them from pictures. Not they alone, but the whole band are men of whom any church might well be proud. Of course, I can't judge of theology and science and philosophy, but I know they can tell us the history of everything around us - stars, mountains, rocks, the sea with its wonderful creatures, the birds, trees and flowers; they know the Bible, and Chinese history and Chinese characters, and English history and geography (*real* geography--all about the countries and their productions, and the different classes of people). We have heard some of them preach, and I once saw Sun-à get down off the platform and extract teeth, while another dispensed medicine.

Old and young are all being taught and directed in their studies. Only to see it ought to awaken the most laggard soul. One mind leading higher, deeper, farther into every mountain of truth, and, so far as able, the others must follow. But that is only what *we see*; they tell us we don't know anything about the teaching and drilling they have had all these years.

In Tamsui we don't always hear the same man preach, but one thing I know--reverend or not reverend, when we can understand we get good, wholesome *common sense* gospel; and to go hungry down to the chapel in the hospital and get real food, enriched by the preacher's own experience, is something to be thankful for, especially among people buying and selling, and carrying burdens.



INDIANS OF THE SIOUX RESERVE TO OTTAWA AUXILIARY.

BIRD TAIL, SIOUX RESERVE, Jan. 13th, 1886.

The Indians of this Reserve desire me to tell you that they are very grateful to the ladies of your Society for their most handsome gift of clothing. Money has been very scarce with us this year, and we thought we were going to be badly off for